

# **SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STUDY**

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## **Executive Summary - Sexual and Domestic Violence Study**

The basic results of the Sexual and Domestic Violence Study are presented in this Executive Summary. Information for this report was obtained from the Criminal History Data Set (CHR), the Montana Uniform Crime Reporting (MUCR) system, public surveys, the Victim's Compensation Data Set, the Juvenile Probation Information System (JPIS), and from the Victim Assistance Grant Program.

The basic findings were:

### **Victims (From Victim's Compensation Data Set)**

- Females were much more likely to be victims of sexual and domestic violence offenses than were males, while males were more likely to be victims of physical assault and homicides.
- Male victims of sexual abuse were younger (about 8 years old) than were female victims (about 14 years old) of sexual crimes.
- Female victims of domestic abuse were younger (34.4 years) than were male (38.0 years) victims of domestic abuse.
- White victims of sexual abuse were younger than were those from other racial categories.
- There were more females than males who submitted claims for victim's compensation.
- White victims were over represented in sexual offenses and American Indians had more victimizations (proportionally) in domestic abuse.

### **Offenders - Adults (From Criminal History Data Set)**

- Incest offenders were older (40.5 years) than the other groups (Sexual Assault-35.7 years, Rape-31.0 years, Other-Sex Crimes-34.4 years) of sexual offenders.
- Males constituted a vast majority of the sexual offenders (Assault-96.7%, Rape-98.2%, Incest-99.5%, Other-96%).

- White offenders were over represented in incest arrests, while American Indians and Blacks had (proportionally) more rape arrests.
- White sexual offenders were older than were those from the other racial groups.
- Male domestic violence offenders were older (33.1 years) than were female (31.4 years) offenders at time of arrest.
- Blacks and American Indians were more likely to commit domestic abuse offenses than were Whites, based on data set population ratios.
- American Indian females were more likely to be arrested for domestic abuse than were White females.

**Offenders - Juveniles (From the Juvenile Probation Information System)**

- Male offenders were over represented in sexual crimes and female offenses occurred more frequently (33.0%) in domestic violence infractions than would be expected (29.4%).
- Sexual Assault and Other Sexual crimes were more frequent (38.6% and 37.3%, respectively) for those in the age 5-13 group than would be expected (20.3%). Domestic Violence offenses were more likely (53.8%) to occur in the 16 and over group than would be expected from the population data set value (47.1%).
- Rape and Domestic Violence offenses were more frequent (3.7% and 3.0%, respectively) for the Other race/ethnic category than would be expected (1.9%). American Indians had fewer incidences for each category of interest for this study, while Whites were more likely be involved in each category of crime (sexual and domestic abuse) than would be expected based on their data set (population) value (86.2%).

### **Re-Arrest Findings**

- There were no definite trends by sexual offenses in the re-arrest rates for sexual offenses in the ten-year span from 1987 to 1996. Since 1992, there was a steady to declining re-arrest rate for any sexual offense.
- For those arrested within one year and within 24 months, there was a general upward trend in the number of re-arrests for domestic violence from 1987 to 1994. Since 1991, nearly one-fifth of the persons arrested for domestic violence were re-arrested within two years for subsequent domestic violence arrests.
- Males were much more likely to be repeat offenders of domestic violence offenses than were females. The rate for males (average of about 21% within two years) was higher than for females (average of about 9.5% within two years) since 1991. There was no trend (increase or decrease) for repeat offender rates for either males or females, beginning in 1991.
- There were no consistent upward or downward trends for any of the groups for domestic violence re-arrest rates over the years examined. Since 1990, Blacks (average of about 42% within two years) had significantly higher repeat offender rates for domestic violence offenses than did American Indians (average of about 28% within two years) or Whites (average about 18% within two years).

### **General Crime Patterns**

- There was a relatively steady to declining number of sexual offenses reported over the last 10 years. This same pattern was found in the number of arrests and number of claims submitted for victims of sexual abuse. Since 1992, there has been a declining trend in the number of reported sexual offenses, arrests and claims submitted.
- There was a sharp increase between 1988 and 1995 in the number of reported offenses and arrests for domestic abuse offenses. There was a decline in the number of domestic abuse offenses between 1995 and 1996. This decrease is consistent with a general decline in all reported offenses and arrests between 1995 and 1996.

### **Amount Paid For Victim Compensation Claims**

- Domestic abuse claims averaged higher dollar amounts paid than did the claims paid for victims of sexual abuse.
- Male and female victims of sexual offenses received about the same median amount of compensation.
- Females received higher amounts for domestic abuse than did males, while male claimants received greater amounts than did females for all claims submitted. Males were more likely to be victims of assault and homicides, which had the highest paying claims.

### **Public Survey Results**

- Overall, one in ten (10%) of the respondents indicated that they were victims of crime in the past 12 months. Young people were more likely to be victims of a crime than were older people.
- One out of eight (12%) persons who reported that they had been victims of a crime in the past year indicated that the most recent incident involved domestic abuse. Of these people, most (86%) reported the crime to law enforcement.
- Only 2 percent of those who reported that they had been victims of crime indicated that the crime was sexual violence.

### **Victim's Assistance Program**

- The number of domestic violence victims, served by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) programs, continued to increase. This was consistent with the sharp increase in the number of arrests, claims submitted, and the number of reported domestic abuse offenses.

## Information From The Victim's Compensation Data Set

The only data set available for this study for victims of crimes was the Victim's Compensation Data set, which had information on people who have submitted claims for the victim's compensation program. All of the information presented below on victims in Montana was obtained from this data set.

The average age of all persons submitting victim compensation claims was 23.5 years. Males were older (25.9 years) than were the females (21.5 years). As would be expected the domestic abuse victims were much older (34.4 years), than were the sexual victims (14.6 years) of adult offenders and sexual victims (9.3 years) of juvenile offenders. Because of the way the information was entered in the data set, the sexual victims' information was presented in the tables with a column for sexual victims by adult offenders and another category for sexual victims by juvenile offenders.

**Age of Victims**

	<b>All Victims</b>	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims*</b> (Adult Offenders)	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims#</b> (Juvenile Offenders)	<b>Domestic Abuse Victims</b>
Average Age	23.5 Years	14.6 Years	9.3 Years	34.4 Years
Number of Victims	7544	1678	985	232

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set

\*Sexual Crimes for adults victims were rape, sexual assault, and statutory rape.

#Sexual crimes for juvenile victims were not categorized by type of offense in the data set.

Males, who were victims of sexual offenses, tended to be younger (8.7 and 7.3 years, respectively, for adult and juvenile offenders) than were female victims of sexual offenses (16.0 and 9.8 years old, respectively). As anticipated, domestic abuse victims were the oldest of all the victim groups.

**Age of Victims By Sex**

	<b>All Victims</b>	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims*</b> (Adult Offenders)	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims#</b> (Juvenile Offenders)	<b>Domestic Abuse Victims</b>
Males	25.9 Years	8.7 Years	7.3 Years	38.0 Years
	N = 3518	N = 339	N = 199	N = 6
Females	21.5 Years	16.0 Years	9.8 Years	34.4 Years
	N = 4025	N = 1339	N = 786	N = 226

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set

\*Sexual Crimes for adults victims were rape, sexual assault, and statutory rape.

#Sexual crimes for juvenile victims were not categorized by type of offense in the data set.

White victims tended to be younger (22.8 years) than American Indians (24.0 years) and all the Other (26.5 years old) racial/ethnic groups. White victims of sexual offenses were generally younger than their counterparts, but White domestic abuse victims were older (34.4 years) than were the other groups (Native American - 29.0 years, Other - 29.7 years).

**Age of Victims By Race**

<b>Race</b>	<b>All Victims</b>	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims*</b> (Adult Offenders)	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims#</b> (Juvenile Offenders)	<b>Domestic Abuse Victims</b>
White	22.8 Years	14.4 Years	9.1 Years	34.4 Years
	N = 4460	N = 1093	N = 706	N = 166
Indian	24.0 Years	14.6 Years	9.9 Years	29.0 Years
	N = 560	N = 84	N = 70	N = 24
Other	26.5 Years	16.8 Years	8.2 Years	29.7 Years
	N = 213	N = 22	N = 18	N = 3

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set

\*Sexual Crimes for adults victims were rape, sexual assault, and statutory rape.

#Sexual crimes for juvenile victims were not categorized by type of offense in



the data set.

Overall, there were more female victims (53.3%) than male victims (46.7%). For the offenses (e.g., sexual and domestic violence) of concern for this report, females were much more likely to be victims than were males. Males were more likely to be victims of assault offenses (67.3% of the cases) and homicides (64.2% of the cases submitted).

#### Percent Victims By Sex

	<b>All Victims</b>	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims</b> (Adult Offenders)	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims</b> (Juvenile Offenders)	<b>Domestic Abuse Victims</b>
Males	46.7%	19.5%	19.7%	2.5%
	N = 3727	N = 343	N = 204	N = 6
Females	53.3%	80.5%	80.3%	97.5%
	N = 4249	N = 1416	N = 830	N = 238

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set

White victims were over represented in sexual offenses, while American Indians had more victimizations (12.4%) in domestic abuse than would be expected from their overall proportion (10.9%) of victims. The people from the Other group were under represented as sexual and domestic abuse victims, indicating that they were victims of physical assault and other offenses more than expected, based on the overall percent of victims by race.

#### Percent Victims By Race

	<b>All Victims</b>	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims</b> (Adult Offenders)	<b>Sexual Crimes Victims</b> (Juvenile Offenders)	<b>Domestic Abuse Victims</b>
White	85.0%	91.1%	89.2%	86.0%
	N = 4543	N = 1111	N = 744	N = 166
Indian	10.9%	7.1%	8.6%	12.4%
	N = 582	N = 87	N = 72	N = 24

Other	4.1%	1.8%	2.2%	1.6%
	N = 217	N = 22	N = 18	N = 3

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set

Since a vast majority of the victims of the offenses of concern for this project were females, an examination of females was conducted and presented below. The results were nearly identical to the analysis of all victims by race. White female victims were more prevalent (about 90%) in sexual offenses than would be expected (86.6%), while American Indians had a higher rate (12.8%) in domestic abuse than would be expected from their overall proportion (10.6%). The Other group was under represented in the proportion of sexual and domestic abuse victims.

#### Percent Victims By Race For Females

	All Victims	Sexual Crimes Victims* (Adult Offenders)	Sexual Crimes Victims# (Juvenile Offenders)	Domestic Abuse Victims
White	86.6%	90.4%	89.0%	85.6%
	N = 2559	N = 860	N = 593	N = 161
Indian	10.6%	7.5%	9.0%	12.8%
	N = 312	N = 71	N = 60	N = 24
Other^	2.8%	2.1%	2.0%	1.6%
	N = 83	N = 20	N = 13	N = 3

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set

\*Sexual Crimes for adults victims were rape, sexual assault, and statutory rape.

#Sexual crimes for juvenile victims were not categorized by type of offense in the data set.

^All other races

#### National Statistics Compared to Montana

The average age of victims of imprisoned sexual assaulters in the United States was less than 13 years old. The median age

of rape victims was about 22 years old. (Criminal Offender Statistics, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, 1997). In Montana, the mean age of rape victims submitting claims was 23.5 years and the median age was 20. The average age for sexual assault victims was lower in Montana than was the national average: the mean age was 10.5 and the median age was 8 years old.

Overall, it was estimated (nationally) that 91 percent of all victims of rape and sexual assault were female. (Greenfeld, L.A., *Sex Offenses and Offenders: An Analysis of Data on Rape and Sexual Assault*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, 1997). In Montana, about one-fifth of those who submitted claims as victims of sexual crimes were male.

## Information On Sex Offenders From CHR Data Set

The average age of sexual offenders was 35.7 years. The males were older (34.3 years) than were the females (29.3 years). Those arrested for incest were the oldest (40.5 years), and rape offenders were the youngest (31.0 years). The same age mean values (31 years) have been reported nationally for rapists who were incarcerated in state prisons (Greeffeld, L.A., *Sex Offenses and Offenders: An Analysis of Data on Rape and Sexual Assault*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, 1997).

**Average Age of Sex Offenders**

	<b>Sexual Assault</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other Sexual Offenses*</b>
Average Age	35.7 Years	31.0 Years	40.5 Years	34.4 Years
Number of Cases	1148	993	185	353

Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

\*Other sexual offenses = indecent exposure, deviate sexual conduct, sexual abuse of children, and lascivious acts upon children.

There were too few female sexual offenders for a meaningful analysis of the various offending categories, but overall the females were younger (29.3 years) than were males (34.3 years).

**Age of Offenders By Sex**

	<b>Assault</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Males	36.0 Years	31.0 Years	40.5 Years	34.7 Years
	N = 1110	N = 975	N = 184	N = 339
Females	28.7 Years	31.1 Years	30.2 Years	27.8 Years

	N = 38	N = 18	N = 1	N = 14
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Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

\*Other = indecent exposure, deviate sexual conduct, sexual abuse of children, and lascivious acts upon children.

Overall, White sexual offenders were the oldest (34.6 years), followed by American Indians (31.8 years) and Blacks (27.3 years). For comparative purposes, there were not sufficient other minority racial cases to establish additional racial/ethnic categories.

#### Age of Offenders By Race

Race	Assault	Rape	Incest	Other*
Black	29.1 Years	26.3 Years	19.8 Years	27.9 Years
	N = 26	N = 42	N = 1	N = 1
Indian	32.7 Years	29.3 Years	36.3 Years	34.2 Years
	N = 112	N = 100	N = 16	N = 33
White	36.3 Years	31.4 Years	41.0 Years	34.4 Years
	N = 1003	N = 845	N = 168	N = 318

Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

\*Other = indecent exposure, deviate sexual conduct, sexual abuse of children, and lascivious acts upon children.

Males were the vast majority (about 98%) of all the sexual offenders, leaving insufficient cases for any meaningful analyses of categories (i.e., assault, rape, incest, other) of sexual offenders by gender. Nationally, the average rates of male (98.8%) and female (1.2%) sexual assault offenders who were incarcerated in state prisons were similar to the Montana findings. (Greenfeld, L.A., *Sex Offenses and Offenders: An Analysis of Data on Rape and Sexual Assault*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, 1997).

#### Percent Offenders By gender

	Assault	Rape	Incest	Other*
Males	96.7%	98.2%	99.5%	96.0%

	N = 1110	N = 975	N = 184	N = 339
Females	3.3%	1.8%	.5%	4.0%
	N = 38	N = 18	N = 1	N = 14

Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

\*Other = indecent exposure, deviate sexual conduct, sexual abuse of children, and lascivious acts upon children.

White offenders were somewhat over represented in incest cases, while American Indians and Blacks had more rape arrests than would be expected. Overall, there was little relationship between race and type of sexual offense committed.

#### Percent Offenders By Race

	Assault	Rape	Incest	Other*
Black	2.2%	4.2%	.5%	.3%
	N = 26	N = 42	N = 1	N = 1
Indian	9.7%	10.2%	9.0%	9.2%
	N = 115	N = 102	N = 17	N = 33
White	88.1%	85.6%	90.5%	90.5%
	N = 1048	N = 856	N = 171	N = 325

Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

\*Other = indecent exposure, deviate sexual conduct, sexual abuse of children, and lascivious acts upon children.

#### Information On Domestic Abuse Offenders From CHR Data Set

The average age of domestic abuse offenders was 32.9 years. The males were older (33.1 years) than were the females (31.4 years). These ages represent the age at time of arrest. Some people are in the data set multiple times, once for each arrest.

#### Age of Domestic Abuse Offenders By Race

	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>White</b>
Average Age	35.6 Years	31.3 Years	31.4 Years	33.2 Years
Number of Cases	29	355	2,432	12,887

Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

Based on the population of persons in Montana, Blacks and American Indians were over represented in the number of arrests for domestic abuse and the number of arrests of Whites were fewer than would be expected. Statewide population estimates from the U.S. Bureau of the Census (December 1997) list the following: White (92.9%), Black (.4%), American Indian (6.2%), and others (.5%).

**Percent of Domestic Abuse Offenders By Race**

	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>White</b>
Percent	.2%	2.3%	15.5%	82.1%
Number of Cases	29	355	2,432	12,887

\*Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

There are very few Asians in the CHR data base. Considering male to female ratios, Asian and American Indian females were more likely to have been arrested for domestic abuse than were Black and White females. Black males had the highest (94.1%) male to total ratio of any of the racial/ethnic groups.

**Percent Domestic Abuse Offenders By Gender And Race**

	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>White</b>
Males	79.3%	94.1%	84.3%	88.8%
	N = 23	N = 334	N = 2049	N = 11445
Females	20.7%	5.9%	15.7%	11.2%
	N = 6	N = 21	N = 383	N = 1442

Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

### Information On Juvenile Sexual and Domestic Abuse Offenders From JPIS Data Set

One way of establishing profiles of offenders of various crimes is to determine the population values and compare the individual crime factors with the overall values. The overall rates by gender, race, and age are listed below. Most (70.4%) of those in the data set are males. A vast majority (86.2%) were White and nearly one-half (47.1%) were age 16 and over.

Overall Rates In Data Set

		Number of Cases	Percent
Gender	Males	59,846	70.4%
	Females	25,173	29.6%
Race	Other*	1,612	1.9%
	Indian	10,126	11.9%
	White	73,143	86.2%
Age	5-13	15,268	20.3%
	14-15	24,396	32.5%
	16+	35,364	47.1%

Source: Criminal History Data Set: Department of Justice

\*All other races.



In looking at the offenses of interest in this study, it can be seen that male offenders are over represented in sexual crimes and female offenses occur more frequently (33.0%) in domestic violence infractions than would be expected (29.4%).

#### Domestic Abuse And Sexual Offenders By Gender

	<b>Sexual Assault</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Other Sexual*</b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b>
Males	90.1%	93.8%	96.4%	67.0%
	N = 518	N = 180	N = 160	N = 358
Females	9.9%	6.3%	3.6%	33.0%
	N = 57	N = 12	N = 6	N = 176

Source: Juvenile Probation Information System

\*Other sexual = indecent exposure, deviate sexual conduct, sexual abuse of children, and lascivious acts upon children.

Sexual Assault and Other Sexual crimes were more frequent (38.6% and 37.3%, respectively) for those ages 5-13 than would be expected (20.3%). Domestic Violence offenses were more likely (53.8%) to occur in the 16 and over group than would be expected from the population value (47.1%).

#### Domestic Abuse And Sexual Offenders By Age

	<b>Sexual Assault</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Other Sexual*</b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b>
5-13	38.6%	20.7%	37.3%	12.1%
	N = 199	N = 35	N = 57	N = 52

14-15	34.8%	37.9%	32.0%	34.1%
	N = 179	N = 64	N = 49	N = 147
16 And Older	26.6%	41.4%	30.7%	53.8%
	N = 137	N = 70	N = 47	N = 232

Source: Juvenile Probation Information System

\*Other sexual offenses = indecent exposure, deviate sexual conduct, sexual abuse of children, and lascivious acts upon children.

Rape and Domestic Violence offenses were more frequent (3.7% and 3.0%, respectively) for the Other race/ethnic category than would be expected (1.9%). American Indians had fewer incidences for each category (sexual assault, rape, other sexual offenses, and domestic violence) than would be expected, while Whites were more likely to be involved in each category of crime than would be expected based on their population values in the JPIS data set (86.2%).

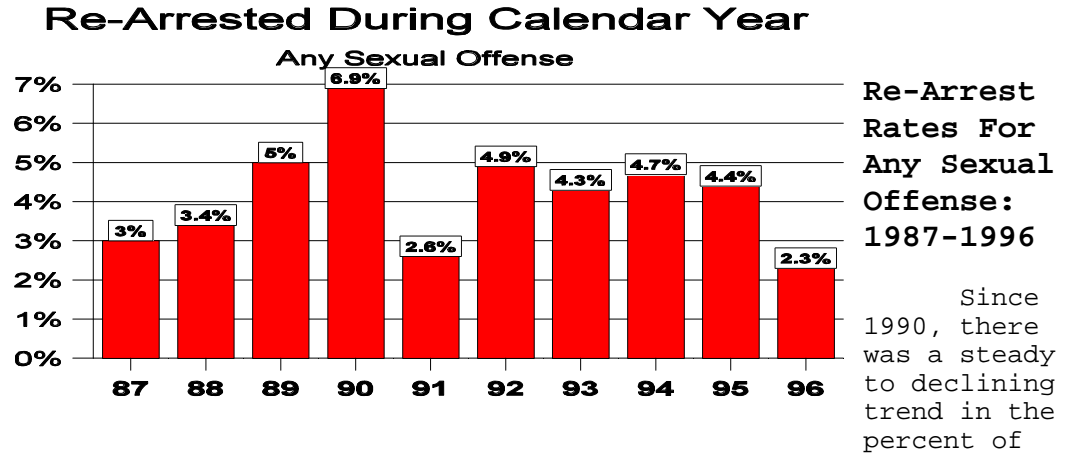
#### Domestic Abuse And Sexual Offenders By Race

	<b>Sexual Assault</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Other Sexual*</b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b>
Other#	.1%	3.7%	.6%	3.0%
	N = 6	N = 7	N = 1	N = 16
Indian	8.8%	8.9%	9.8%	7.1%
	N = 50	N = 17	N = 16	N = 38
White	90.2%	87.4%	89.6%	89.9%
	N = 513	N = 167	N = 147	N = 480

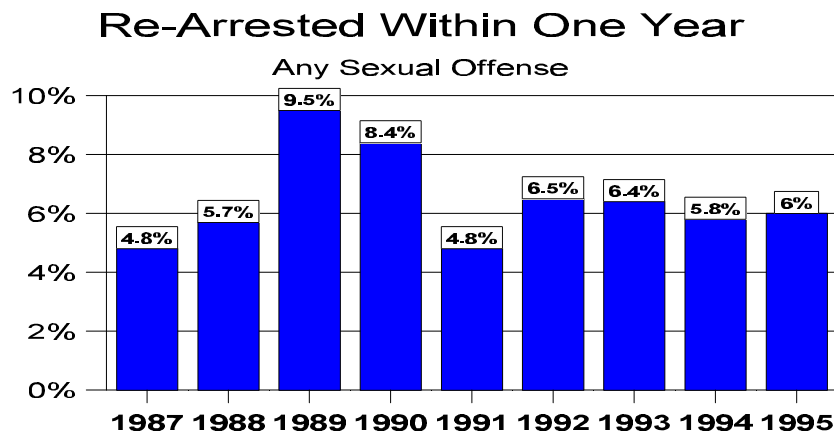
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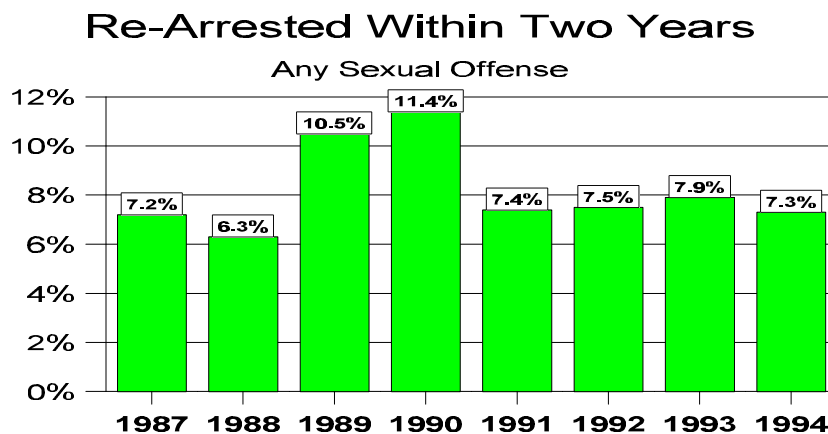
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re-arrests for any sexual offense. Since 1991, not more than 8 percent of the persons arrested in a calendar year for a sexual offense were re-arrested within two years. The data source for the following sexual crime charts was from the Criminal History Data Set from the Department of Justice. Any sexual offense refers all possible categories of sexual offenses (i.e., rape, sexual assault, incest, indecent exposure, sexual abuse of children, etc.).



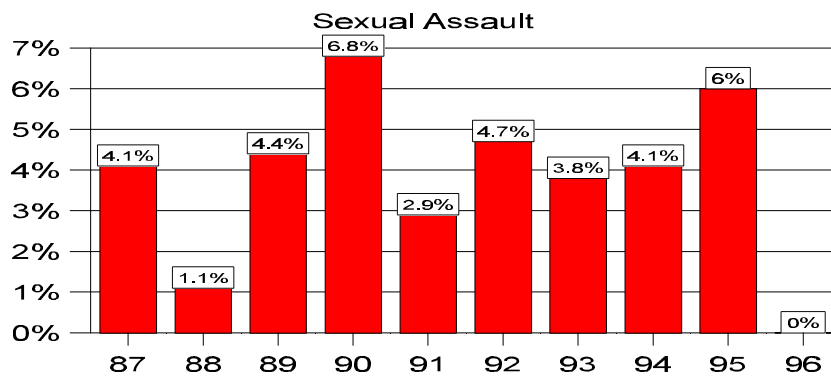
**Re-Arrest Rates For Sexual Assault Offenses: 1987-1996**



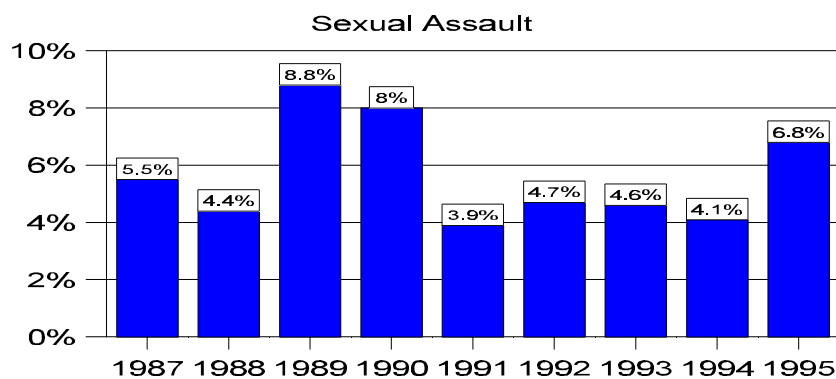
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percent of the persons arrested in a calendar year for sexual assault offenses were re-arrested within two years.

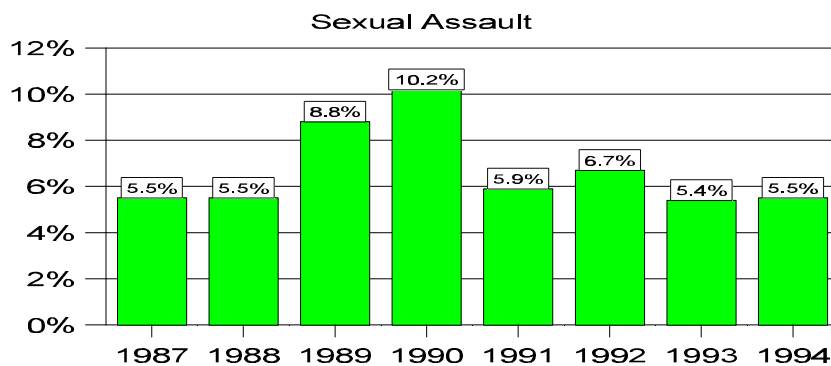
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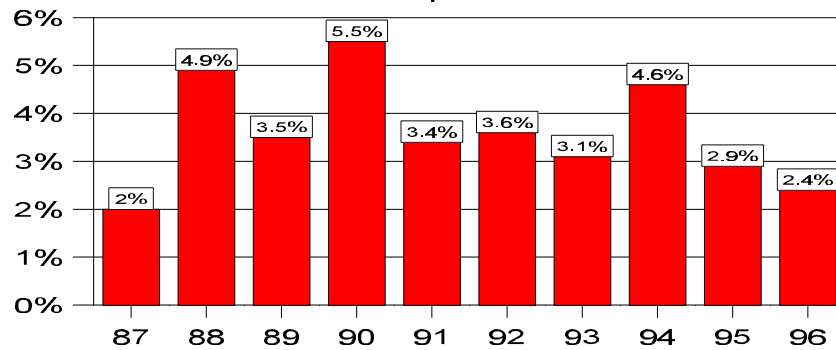


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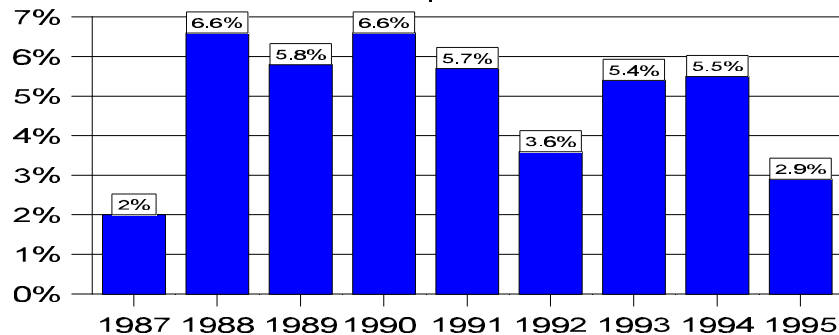
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There was no consistent trend (neither increase nor decrease) in re-arrest rates for rape between 1987 and 1996. Since 1990, there has been a downward trend in the re-arrest rates for the one and two year time frames.

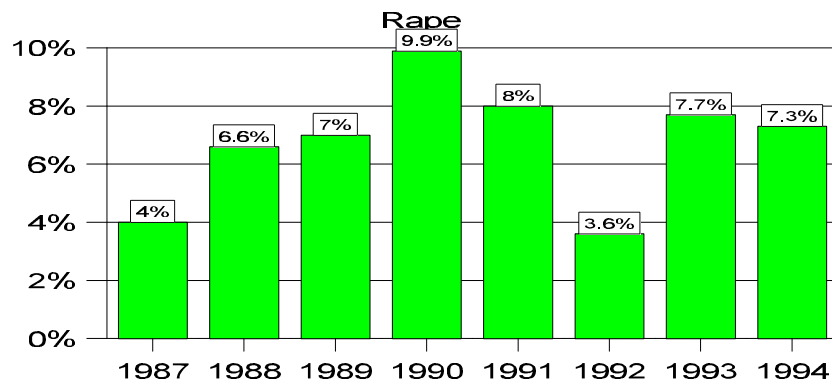
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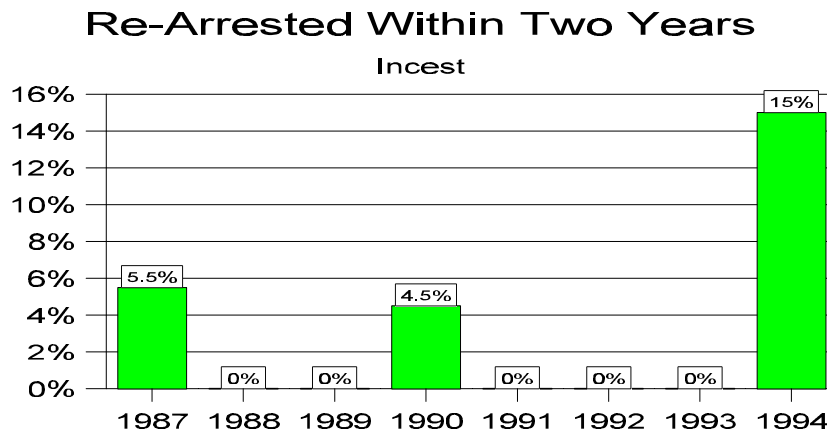
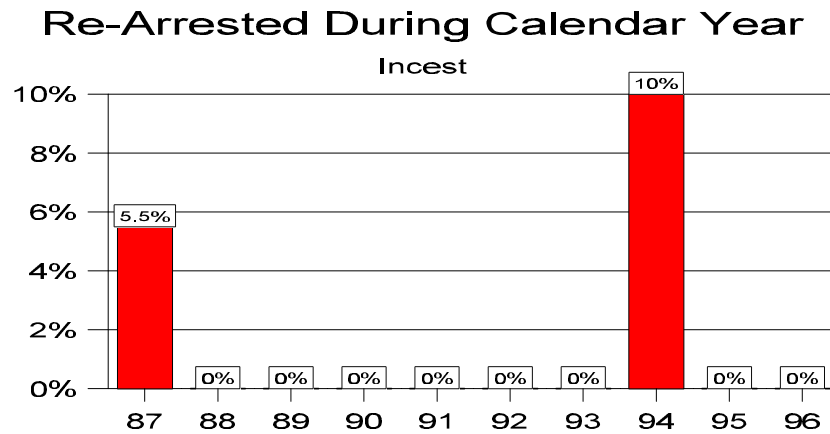


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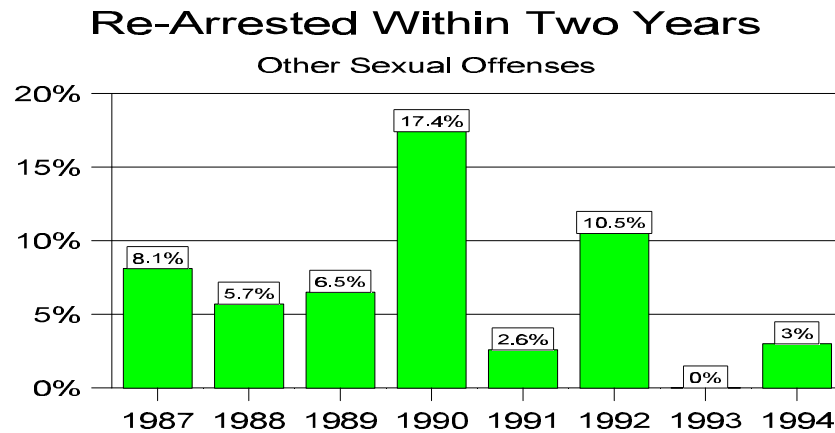
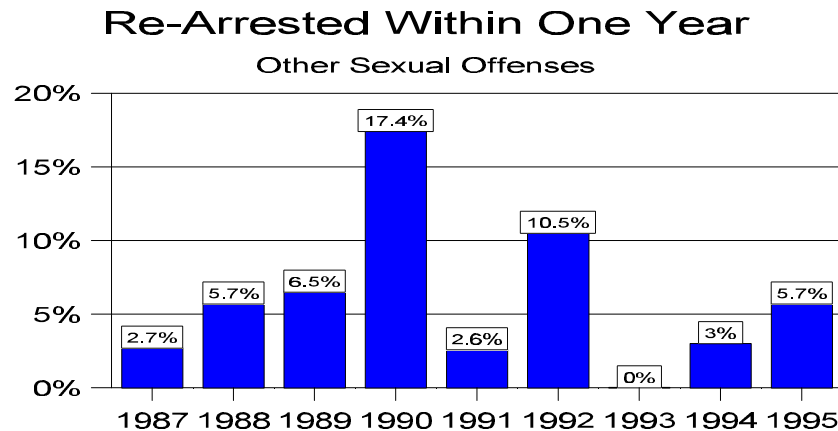
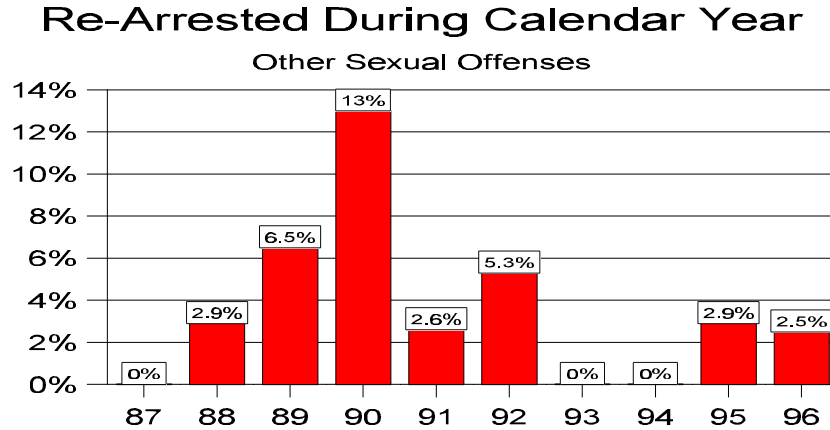
**Re-Arrest Rates For Incest: 1987-1996**

There were no consistent trends with regard to re-arrest rates for incest. Because of the limited number of arrests for incest, any re-arrest made a sharp increase from zero, the most commonly occurring rate.



## Re-Arrest Rates For Other Sexual Offenses: 1987-1996

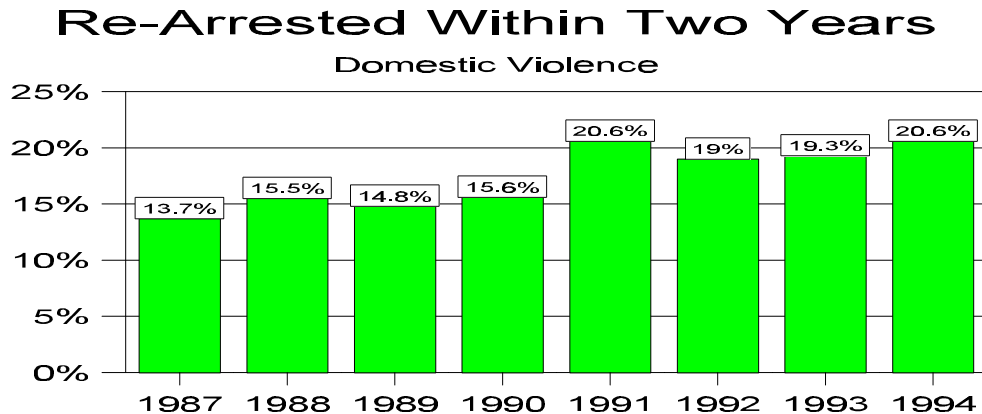
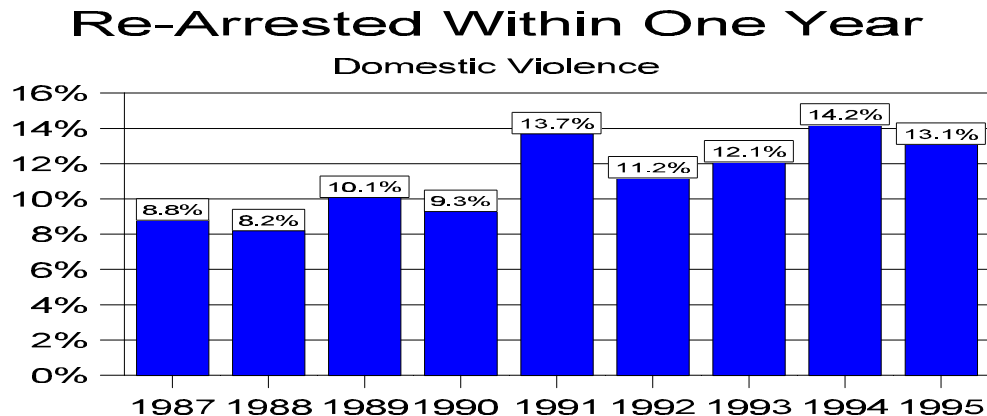
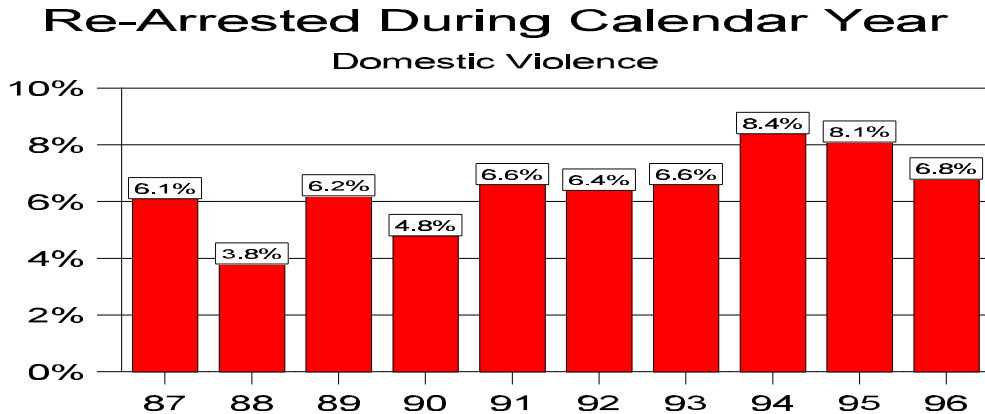
There was no identifiable trend for re-arrest rates for Other sexual offenses (i.e., indecent exposure, deviate sexual conduct, etc.) from 1987 to 1996.





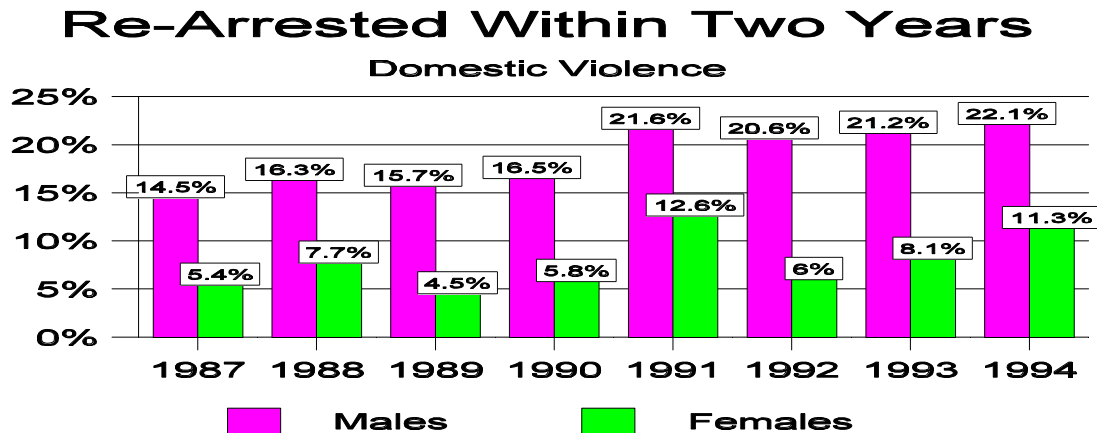
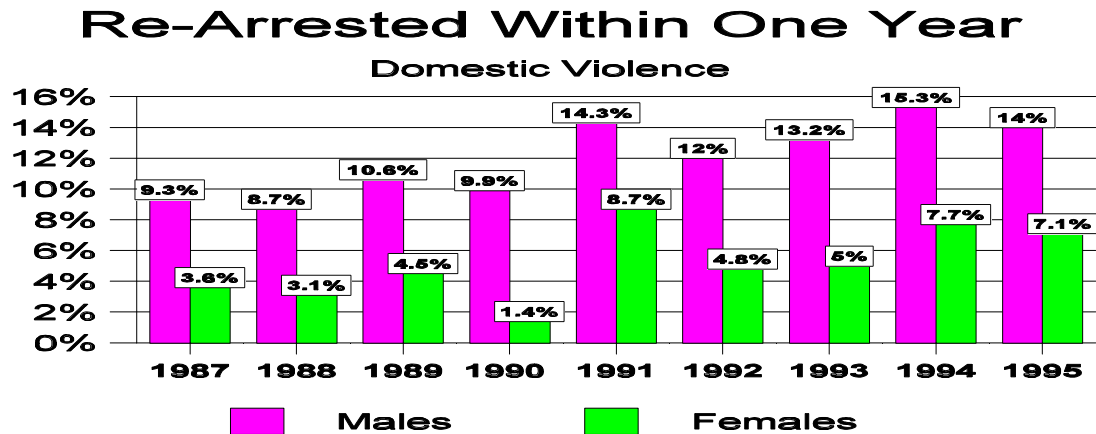
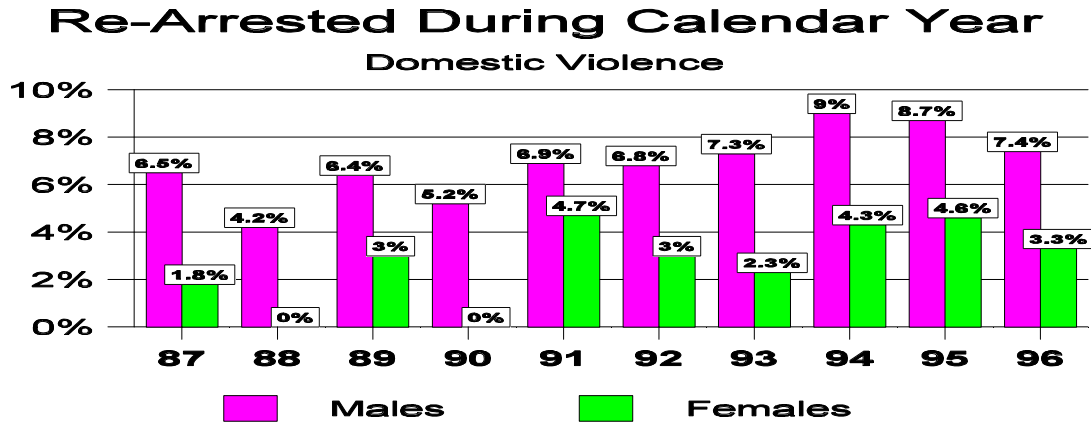
### Re-Arrest Rates For Domestic Violence 1987-1996

For those arrested within one year and within 24 months, there was a general upward trend in the number of re-arrests for domestic violence from 1987 to 1994. Since 1991, nearly one-fifth of the persons arrested for domestic violence were re-arrested within two years for subsequent domestic violence offenses. The data source for the following domestic violence charts is from the Criminal History Data Set from the Department of Justice.



## Re-Arrest Rates For Domestic Violence (1987-1996) By Gender

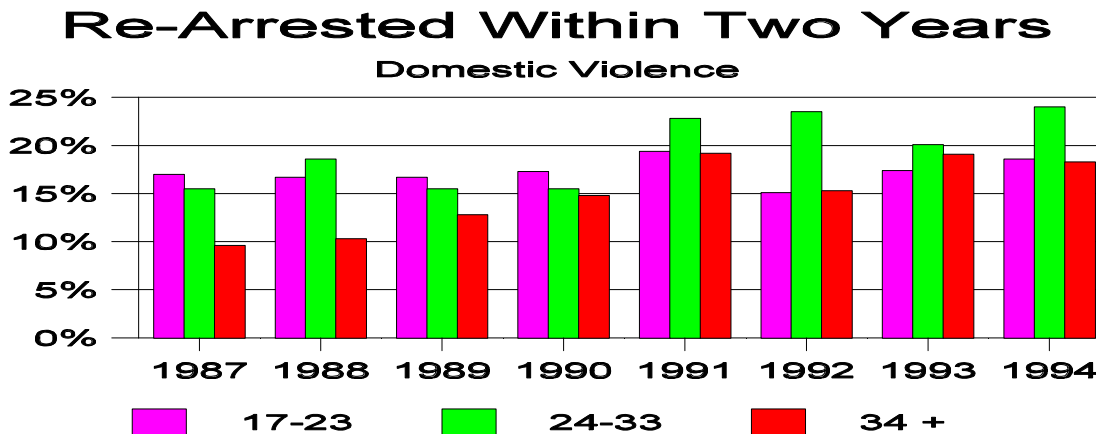
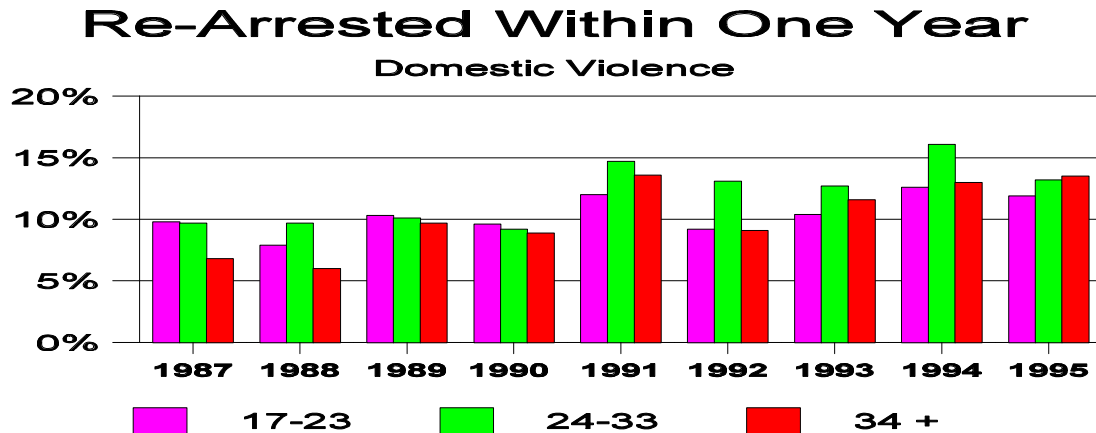
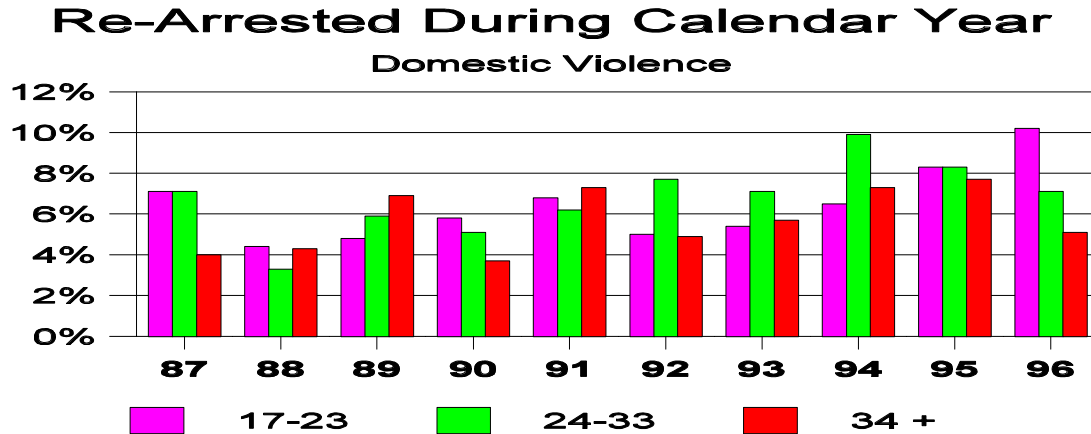
Males were much more likely to be repeat offenders of domestic violence offenses than were females. The rate for males (average of about 21% within two years) was higher than for females (average of about 9.5% within two years) since 1991. There was no trend (increase or decrease) for repeat offender rates for either males or females, since 1991.



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## Arrest Rates For Domestic Violence (1987-1996) By Age

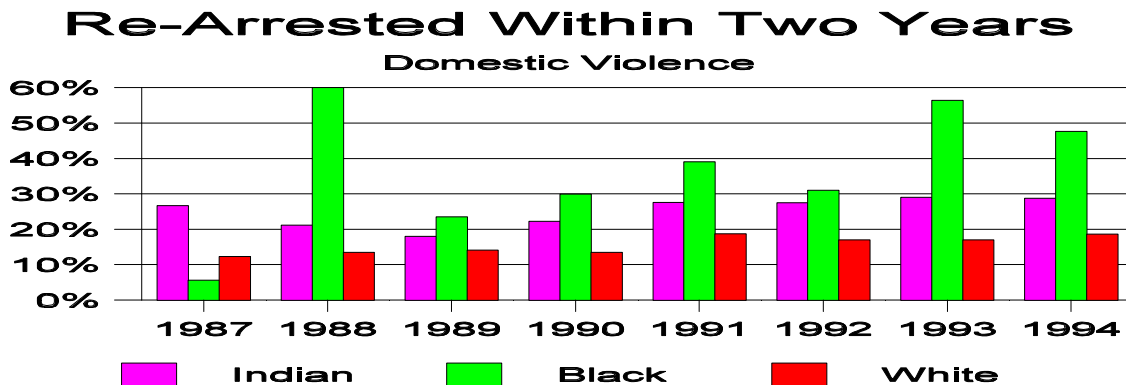
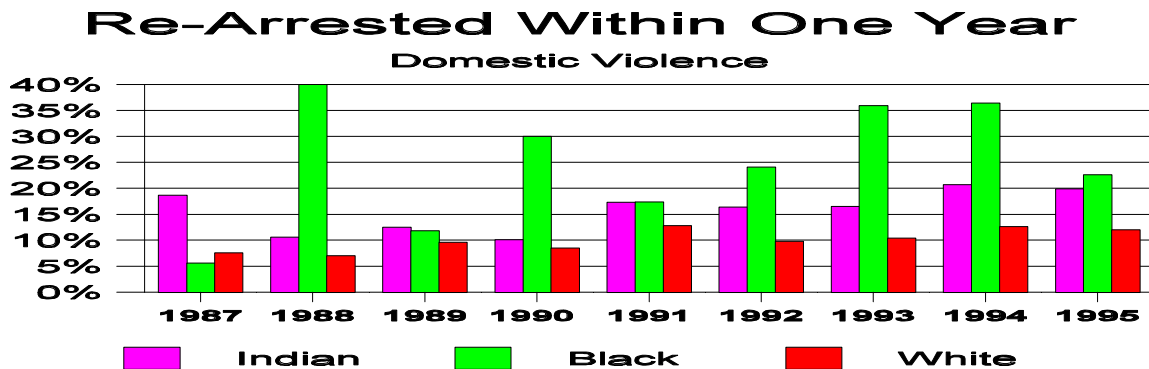
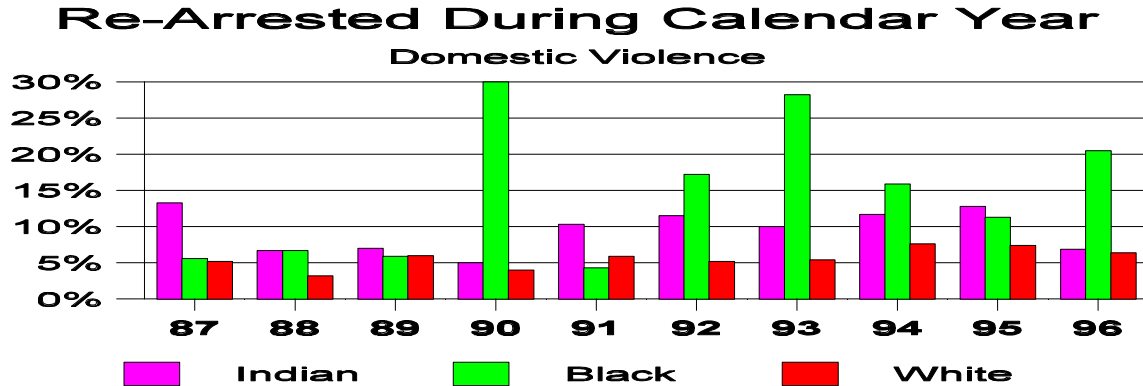
There were no significant trends for repeat offender rates for domestic violence, but the 24-33 age group generally had higher rates than did the other two groups.



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### e-Arrest Rates For Domestic Violence (1987-1996) By Race

There were no consistent upward or downward trends for any of the groups for domestic violence re-arrest rates over the years examined. Since 1990, Blacks (average about 42% within two years) had significantly higher repeat offender rates for domestic violence offenses than did American Indians (average about 28% within two years) or Whites (average about 18% within two years).



**Overall Rates For All Sexual Offenses - 1987-1996**

The overall rate for sexual offenses is presented below. This table and all of the following tables present details of the information that was previously placed in graphs. All of the information on the number of persons arrested was generated from computer programs (SAS) that were designed to track individuals over time from date of first arrest in any given year. That is, persons arrested in 1987 were tracked for 24 months to determine if and when any subsequent arrest occurred. Likewise, persons arrested in 1988 were tracked for two years for any re-arrest. This same procedure was followed until 1995. Beginning in 1995 and continuing to 1996, it was not possible to follow persons for two years, since the 1996 arrest information was the latest available.

	<b>Re-Arrest Rates and Repeat Offender Rates - Overall 1987-1996 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-Arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual Assault</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests 1986-97	3532	1196	1006	189	360
Number of People Arrested	2195	1061	904	177	315
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	93	42	34	3	10
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%	1.7%	3.2%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	113	48	42	4	12
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	5.1%	4.5%	4.6%	2.3%	3.8%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

\* Other Sexual Offenses = Indecent Exposure, Deviate Sexual Conduct, Sexual Abuse of Children, Lewd and Lascivious Acts Upon Children

The sum of the sexual re-arrest numbers will not (generally) equal the total of any sexual re-arrest, because any sexual arrest included all sexual offenses, while the individual categories (sexual assault, rape, incest, and other sexual offenses) were strictly repeat offenses of the original arrests.

### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1987

Any sexual arrest and other sexual offenses had the highest re-arrest rates in 1987.

	<b>Re-Arrest Rates and Repeat Offender Rates - 1987 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-Arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual Assault</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1987	188	79	53	19	37
Number of People Arrested	166	73	50	18	37
Number Re-Arrested in 1987	5	3	1	1	0
Percent Re-Arrested in 1987	3.0%	4.1%	2.0%	5.5%	0.0%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	8	4	1	1	1
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	4.8%	5.5%	2.0%	5.5%	2.7%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	12	4	2	1	3
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	7.2%	5.5%	4.0%	5.5%	8.1%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

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### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1988

Any sexual arrest and rape offenses had the highest re-arrest rates in 1988. This year (1988) was the start of an upward trend in the number of arrests for sexual offense in Montana.

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1988 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-Arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1988	204	94	64	10	36
Number of People Arrested	175	90	61	10	35
Number Re-Arrested in 1988	6	1	3	0	1
Percent Re-Arrested in 1988	3.4%	1.1%	4.9%	0.0%	2.9%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	10	4	4	0	2
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	5.7%	4.4%	6.6%	0.0%	5.7%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	11	5	4	0	2
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	6.3%	5.5%	6.6%	0.0%	5.7%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

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original arrests.

### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1989

Any sexual arrest and sexual assault had the highest re-arrest rates in 1989.

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1989 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-Arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1989	263	122	90	15	36
Number of People Arrested	220	113	86	15	31
Number Re-Arrested in 1989	11	5	3	0	2
Percent Re-Arrested in 1989	5.0%	4.4%	3.5%	0 0%	6.5%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	21	10	5	0	2
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	9.5%	8.8%	5.8%	0.0%	6.5%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	23	10	6	0	2
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	10.5%	8.8%	7.0%	0.0%	6.5%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

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### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1990

Any sexual arrest and other sexual offenses had the highest re-arrest rates in 1990.

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1990 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-Arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offenders</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1990	251	103	100	22	26
Number of People Arrested	202	88	91	22	23
Number Re-Arrested in 1990	14	6	5	0	3
Percent Re-Arrested in 1990	6.9%	6.8%	5.5%	0.0%	13.0%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	17	7	6	0	4
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	8.4%	8.0%	6.6%	0.0%	17.4%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	23	9	9	1	4
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	11.4%	10.2%	9.9%	4.5%	17.4%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

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### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1991

Any sexual arrest and rape had the highest re-arrest rates in 1991

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1991 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-Arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1991	276	109	98	27	42
Number of People Arrested	230	102	87	25	38
Number Re-Arrested in 1991	6	3	3	0	1
Percent Re-Arrested in 1991	2.6%	2.9%	3.4%	0.0%	2.6%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	11	4	5	0	1
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	4.8%	3.9%	5.7%	0.0%	2.6%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	17	6	7	0	1
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	7.4%	5.9%	8.0%	0.0%	2.6%

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### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1992

The number of sexual offenses (379) peaked in 1992. The rates for sexual offense were also the greatest in 1992 for the nation.

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1992 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1992	379	166	148	24	41
Number of People Arrested	307	150	137	22	38
Number Re-Arrested in 1992	15	7	5	0	2
Percent Re-Arrested in 1992	4.9%	4.7%	3.6%	0.0%	5.3%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	20	7	5	0	4
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	6.5%	4.7%	3.6%	0.0%	10.5%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	23	10	5	0	4
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	7.5%	6.7%	3.6%	0.0%	10.5%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

\* Other Sexual Offenses = Indecent Exposure, Deviate Sexual Conduct, Sexual Abuse of

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### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1993

In 1993, a downward trend commenced in the number arrest for sexual offenses in Montana.

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1993 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1993	323	139	138	18	28
Number of People Arrested	280	130	130	18	27
Number Re-Arrested in 1993	12	5	4	0	0
Percent Re-Arrested in 1993	4.3%	3.8%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	18	6	7	0	0
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	6.4%	4.6%	5.4%	0.0%	0.0%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	22	7	10	0	0
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	7.9%	5.4%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

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### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1994

Incest had the highest re-arrest rate in 1994.

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1994 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1994	331	154	121	22	34
Number of People Arrested	275	145	109	20	33
Number Re-Arrested in 1994	13	6	5	2	0
Percent Re-Arrested in 1994	4.7%	4.1%	4.6%	10.0%	0.0%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	16	6	6	3	1
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	5.8%	4.1%	5.5%	15.0%	3.0%
# Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	20	8	8	3	1
% Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	7.3%	5.5%	7.3%	15.0%	3.0%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

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### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1995

Since data were only available for 1996, it was not possible to calculate 24 month rates for those arrested in 1995.

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1995 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1995	288	131	107	13	37
Number of People Arrested	250	117	102	12	35
Number Re-Arrested in 1995	11	7	3	0	1
Percent Re-Arrested in 1995	4.4%	6.0%	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%
# Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	15	8	3	1	2
% Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	6.0%	6.8%	2.9%	8.3%	5.7%

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### Rates for Sexual Offenses - 1996

It was only possible to calculate re-arrests for calendar year 1996 for those arrested in 1996, since information for 1997 was not available at the time of the data analysis.

	<b>Re-Arrest and Repeat Offender Rates - 1996 Sexual Offenses</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Re-arrest</b>	<b>Repeat Offender</b>			
	<b>Any Sexual Arrest</b>	<b>Sexual</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Incest</b>	<b>Other*</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1996	248	99	87	19	43
Number of People Arrested	218	93	83	18	40
Number Re-Arrested in 1996	5	0	2	0	1
Percent Re-Arrested in 1996	2.3%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	2.5%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

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The sum of the sexual re-arrest numbers will not (generally) equal the total of any sexual re-arrest, because any sexual arrest included all sexual offenses, while the individual categories (sexual assault, rape, incest, and other sexual offenses) were strictly repeat offenses of the original arrests.

### Rates for Domestic Abuse Offenses - 1987

American Indians, males, and those 17-23 years old had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1987.

	<b>Re-Arrest Rates - 1987 - Domestic Abuse</b>							
<b>Category</b>	<b>Race</b>			<b>Gender</b>		<b>Age</b>		
	<b>White</b>	<b>Native Amer</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Fem</b>	<b>17-23</b>	<b>24-33</b>	<b>34+</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1987	612	87	20	664	57	121	337	263
Total Number of People Arrested	576	75	18	615	56	112	310	249
Number Re-Arrested In 1987	30	10	1	40	1	8	22	10
Percent Re-Arrested In 1987	5.2%	13.3%	5.6%	6.5%	1.8%	7.1%	7.1%	4.0%
Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	44	14	1	57	2	11	30	17



Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	7.6%	18.7%	5.6%	9.3%	3.6%	9.8%	9.7%	6.8%
Number Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	71	20	1	89	3	19	48	24
Percent Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	12.3%	26.7%	5.6%	14.5%	5.4%	17.0%	15.5%	9.6%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

### Rates for Domestic Abuse Offenses - 1988

Blacks, males, and those 24-33 years old had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1988.

	Re-Arrest Rates - 1988 - Domestic Abuse							
Category	Race			Gender		Age		
	White	Native Amer	Black	Males	Fem	17-23	24-33	34+
Total Number of Arrests In 1988	612	112	17	678	65	122	376	245
Total Number of People Arrested	587	104	15	643	65	114	361	233
Number Re-Arrested In 1988	19	7	1	27	0	5	12	10
Percent Re-Arrested In 1988	3.2%	6.7%	6.7%	4.2%	0.0%	4.4%	3.3%	4.3%

Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	41	11	6	56	2	9	35	14
Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	7.0%	10.6%	40.0%	8.7%	3.1%	7.9%	9.7%	6.0%
Number Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	79	22	9	105	5	19	67	24
Percent Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	13.5%	21.2%	60.0%	16.3%	7.7%	16.7%	18.6%	10.3%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

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Blacks, males, and those 17-23 years old had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1989.

	Re-Arrest Rates - 1989 - Domestic Abuse							
Category	Race			Gender		Age		
	White	Native Amer	Black	Males	Fem	17-23	24-33	34+
Total Number of Arrests In 1989	743	143	18	838	68	133	457	316
Total Number of People Arrested	695	128	17	776	66	126	426	290
Number Re-Arrested In 1989	42	9	1	50	2	6	25	20

Percent Re-Arrested In 1989	6.0%	7.0%	5.9%	6.4%	3.0%	4.8%	5.9%	6.9%
Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	67	16	2	82	3	13	43	28
Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	9.6%	12.5%	11.8%	10.6%	4.5%	10.3%	10.1%	9.7%
Number Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	98	23	4	122	3	21	66	37
Percent Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	14.1%	18.0%	23.5%	15.7%	4.5%	16.7%	15.5%	12.8%

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	<b>White</b>	<b>Native Amer</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Fem</b>	<b>17-23</b>	<b>24-33</b>	<b>34+</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1990	731	189	26	878	69	167	441	339
Total Number of People Arrested	695	179	20	826	69	156	414	325
Number Re-Arrested In 1990	28	9	6	43	0	9	21	12

Percent Re-Arrested In 1990	4.0%	5.0%	30.0%	5.2%	0.0%	5.8%	5.1%	3.7%
Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	59	18	6	82	1	15	38	29
Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	8.5%	10.1%	30.0%	9.9%	1.4%	9.6%	9.2%	8.9%
Number Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	94	40	6	136	4	27	64	47
Percent Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	13.5%	22.3%	30.0%	16.5%	5.8%	17.3%	15.5%	14.8%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

### Rates for Domestic Abuse Offenses - 1991

Blacks, males, and those 24-33 years old had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1991.

	<b>Re-Arrest Rates - 1991 - Domestic Abuse</b>							
<b>Category</b>	<b>Race</b>			<b>Gender</b>		<b>Age</b>		
	<b>White</b>	<b>Native Amer</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Fem</b>	<b>17-23</b>	<b>24-33</b>	<b>34+</b>
Total Number of Arrests In 1991	972	246	24	1115	133	210	574	448
Total Number of People Arrested	905	214	23	1021	127	191	530	411
Number Re-Arrested In 1991	53	22	1	70	6	13	33	30

Percent Re-Arrested In 1991	5.9%	10.3%	4.3%	6.9%	4.7%	6.8%	6.2%	7.3%
Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	116	37	4	146	11	23	78	56
Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	12.8%	17.3%	17.4%	14.3%	8.7%	12.0%	14.7%	13.6%
Number Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	169	59	9	221	16	37	121	79
Percent Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	18.7%	27.6%	39.1%	21.6%	12.6%	19.4%	22.8%	19.2%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

### Rates for Domestic Abuse Offenses - 1992

Blacks, males, and those 24-33 years old had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1992.

	Re-Arrest Rates - 1992 - Domestic Abuse							
Category	Race			Gender		Age		
	White	Native Amer	Black	Males	Fem	17-23	24-33	34+
Total Number of Arrests In 1992	1325	283	34	1472	174	250	721	665
Total Number of People Arrested	1234	244	29	1344	167	238	648	615

Number Re-Arrested In 1992	64	28	5	92	5	12	50	30
Percent Re-Arrested In 1992	5.2%	11.5%	17.2%	6.8%	3.0%	5.0%	7.7%	4.9%
Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	121	40	7	161	8	22	85	56
Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	9.8%	16.4%	24.1%	12.0%	4.8%	9.2%	13.1%	9.1%
Number Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	210	67	9	277	10	36	152	94
Percent Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	17.0%	27.5%	31.0%	20.6%	6.0%	15.1%	23.5%	15.3%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

### Rates for Domestic Abuse Offenses - 1993

Blacks, males, and those 24-33 years old had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1993.

	Re-Arrest Rates - 1993 - Domestic Abuse							
Category	Race			Gender		Age		
	White	Native Amer	Black	Males	Fem	17-23	24-33	34+
Total Number of Arrests In 1993	1661	349	52	1805	264	338	899	812
Total Number of People Arrested	1551	310	39	1649	258	317	820	750

Number Re-Arrested In 1993	84	31	11	120	6	17	58	43
Percent Re-Arrested In 1993	5.4%	10.0%	28.2%	7.3%	2.3%	5.4%	7.1%	5.7%
Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	161	51	14	218	13	33	104	87
Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	10.4%	16.5%	35.9%	13.2%	5.0%	10.4%	12.7%	11.6%
Number Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	263	81	22	348	21	55	165	143
Percent Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	17.0%	29.0%	56.4%	21.2%	8.1%	17.4%	20.1%	19.1%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

### Rates for Domestic Abuse Offenses - 1994

Blacks, males, and those 24-33 years old had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1994.

	Re-Arrest Rates - 1994 - Domestic Abuse							
Category	Race			Gender		Age		
	White	Native Amer	Black	Males	Fem	17-23	24-33	34+
Total Number of Arrests In 1994	2109	426	53	2258	341	432	1066	1090

Total Number of People Arrested	1919	368	44	2016	326	398	945	989
Number Re-Arrested In 1994	146	43	7	182	14	26	94	72
Percent Re-Arrested In 1994	7.6%	11.7%	15.9%	9.0%	4.3%	6.5%	9.9%	7.3%
Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	241	76	16	308	25	50	152	129
Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	12.6%	20.7%	36.4%	15.3%	7.7%	12.6%	16.1%	13.0%
Number Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	356	106	21	446	37	74	227	181
Percent Re-Arrested Within 2 Years	18.6%	28.8%	47.7%	22.1%	11.3%	18.6%	24.0%	18.3%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

### Rates for Domestic Abuse Offenses - 1995

Blacks, males, and those 34 and over had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1995.

	Re-Arrest Rates - 1995 - Domestic Abuse							
Category	Race			Gender		Age		
	White	Native Amer	Black	Males	Fem	17-23	24-33	34+
Total Number of Arrests In 1995	2224	312	63	2265	345	411	1031	1156
Total Number of People Arrested	2016	266	53	2022	323	362	924	1047
Number Re-Arrested In 1995	149	34	6	175	15	30	77	81



Percent Re-Arrested In 1995	7.4%	12.8%	11.3%	8.7%	4.6%	8.3%	8.3%	7.7%
Number Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	241	53	12	284	23	43	122	141
Percent Re-Arrested Within 12 Months	12.0%	19.9%	22.6%	14.0%	7.1%	11.9%	13.2%	13.5%

Source: Criminal History Data Set - Department of Justice

### Rates for Domestic Abuse Offenses - 1996

Black, males, and those 17-23 years old had the highest re-offending rates for domestic abuse in 1996.

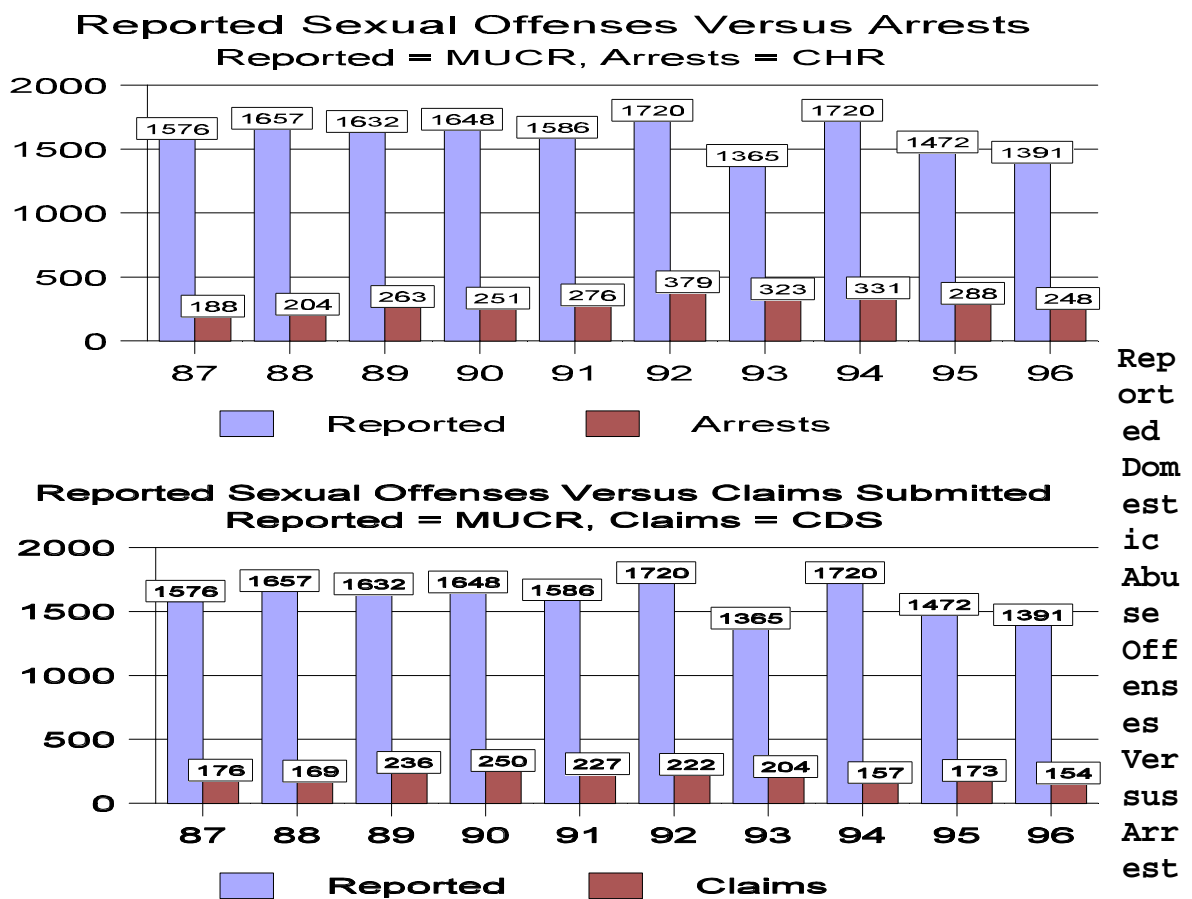
	Re-Arrest Rates - 1996 - Domestic Abuse							
Category	Race			Gender		Age		
	White	Native Amer	Black	Males	Fem	17-23	24-33	34+
Total Number of Arrests In 1996	1965	289	49	1962	346	355	867	1082
Total Number of People Arrested	1804	259	39	1772	334	315	792	995
Number Re-Arrested In 1996	116	18	8	132	11	32	56	51
Percent Re-Arrested In 1996	6.4%	6.9%	20.5%	7.4%	3.3%	10.2%	7.1%	5.1%

### Reported Sexual Offenses Versus Arrests and Claims From Sexual Abuse Victims

Reported offense information was obtained from the Annual Reports of *Crime In Montana*, which is compiled by the Statistical Analysis Center at the Montana Board of Crime Control. The offense information is reported by law enforcement agencies to the Montana Uniform Crime Reporting (MUCR) system. Data for the arrests were obtained from the Criminal History Data (CHR) set, which is collected, entered, and maintained by the Identification (ID) Bureau of the Department of Justice. Information for claims submitted came from the Victim's Compensation data set.

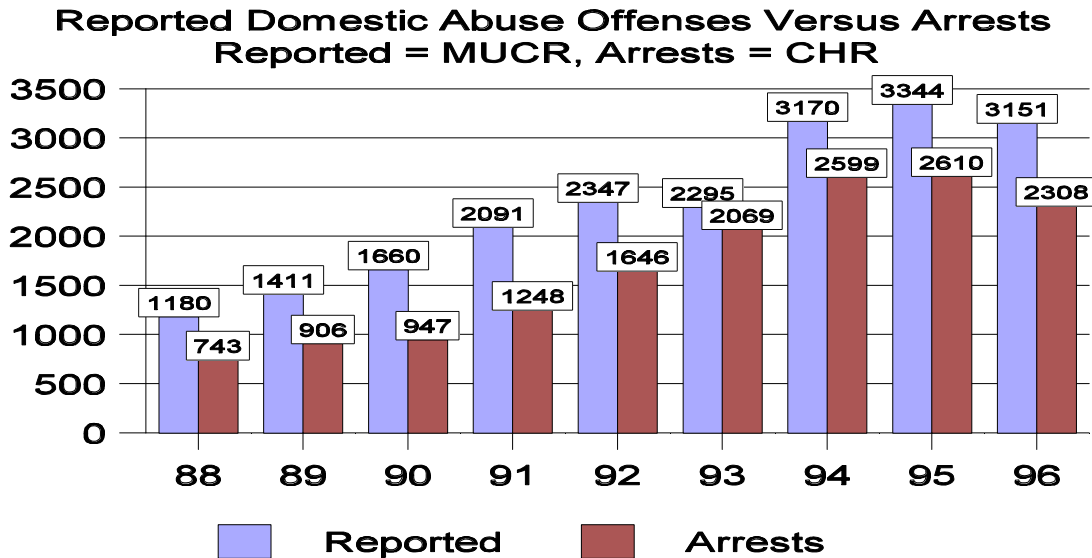
There was a relatively steady to declining number of sexual offenses reported over the last 10 years. This same pattern was found in the number of arrests and the number of claims submitted for victims of sexual abuse. Since 1992, there has been a

declining trend in the number of reported sexual offenses, arrests and claims submitted.

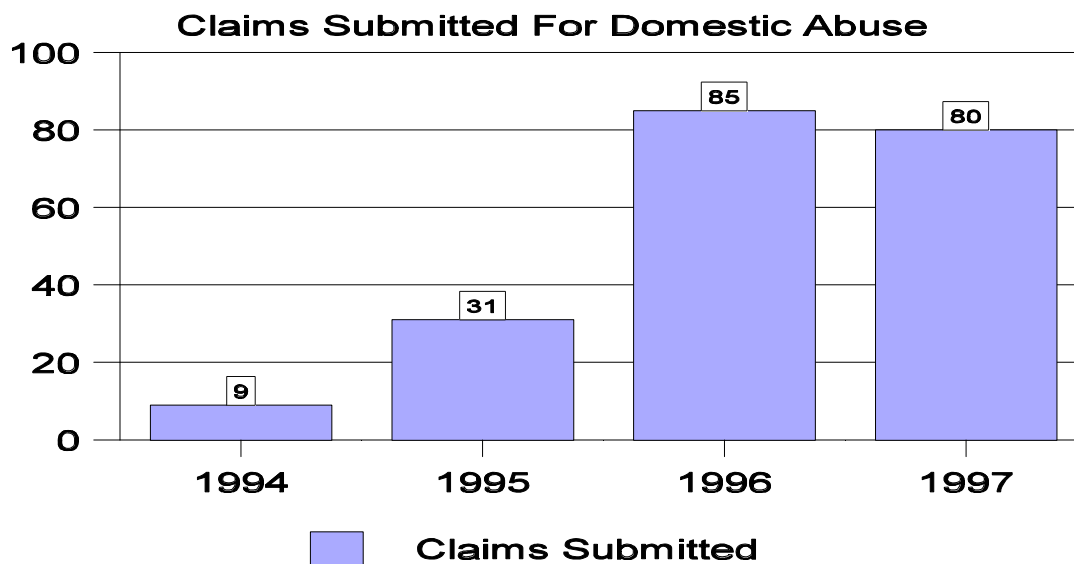


**s For Domestic Abuse Offenses**

There was a sharp increase in the number of reported offenses and arrests between 1988 and 1995 for domestic abuse offenses. There was a decline the number of domestic abuse offenses between 1995 and 1996. This decrease was consistent with a general decline in all reported offenses and arrests between 1995 and 1996. At least some of the increases in domestic violence offenses over time may be due to a greater awareness in society of the occurrence and severity of the damages caused by domestic abuse. People may be more aware of the problem of domestic abuse and more willing to testify and/or bring charges against family members.

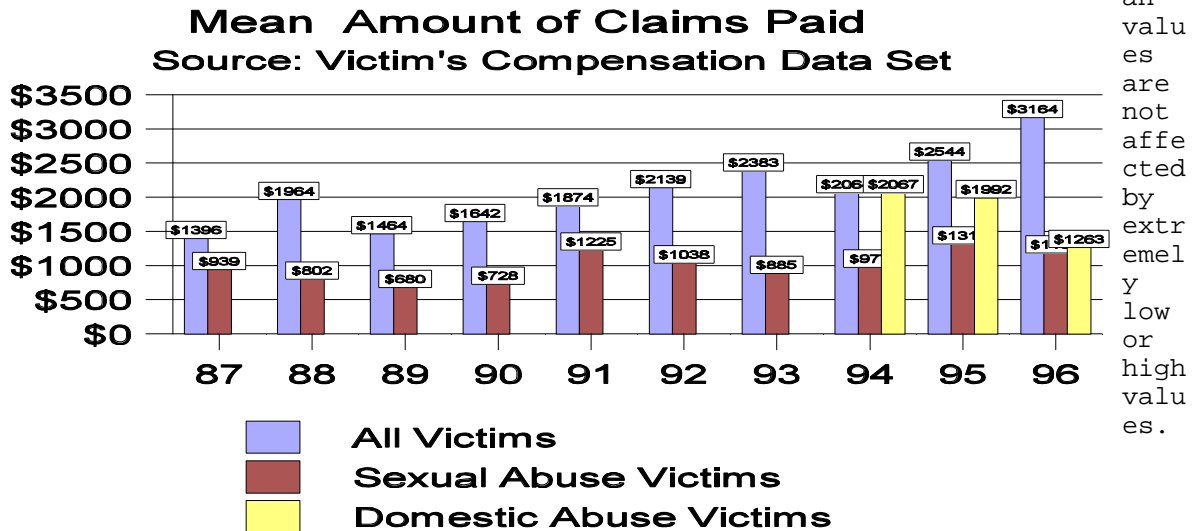


Along with the sharp increase in the number of reported offenses and arrests, there was an increase in the number of claims submitted for domestic abuse offenses.

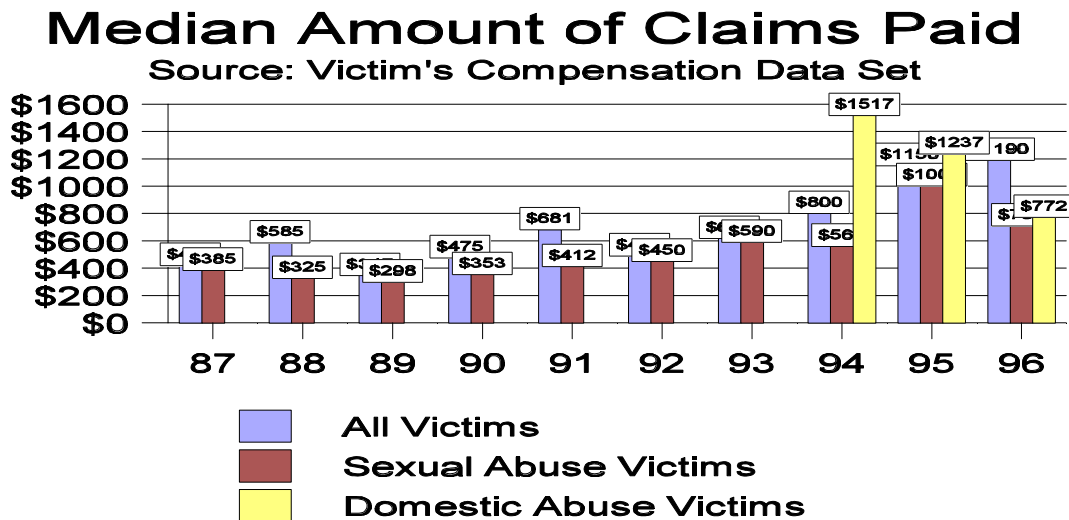


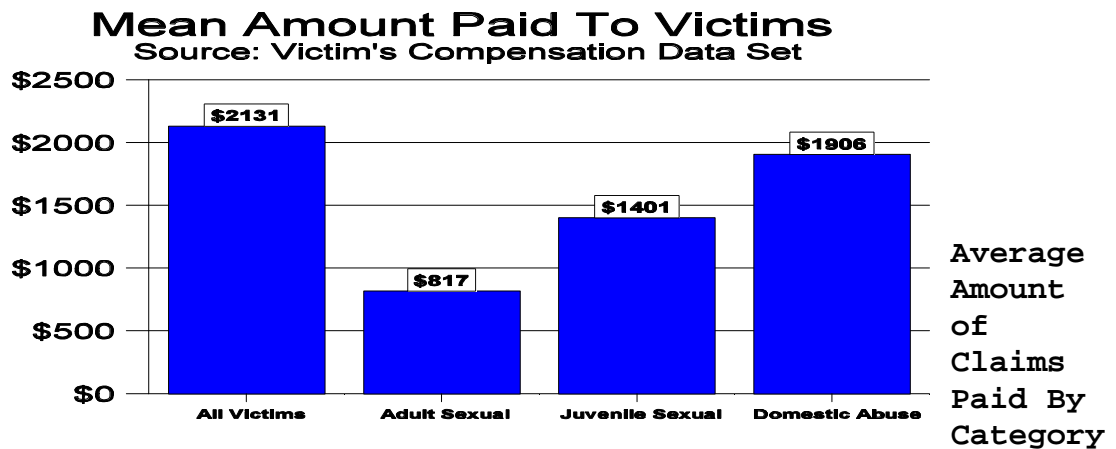
### Comparison of Amount of Claims Paid for Victims Compensation

Information for claims submitted came from the Victims Compensation Data set. As may be expected due to inflationary and other unknown factors, the amounts of claims paid for all victims increased steadily from 1987 to 1996. The amount paid to sexual abuse victims has fluctuated somewhat since 1991, but the trend was nearly a straight line for mean values and an upward trend for median values. Since domestic abuse was authorized as an allowable payment, the amounts paid have averaged higher than those for sexual abuse victims, but higher or lower than the average amount for all victims. Both the mean (arithmetic average) and the median (middle value) are presented in the graphs. The higher values for the means as compared to the medians, are indicative of a few very high payments. The median value is the best measure of central tendency when very high and low measure are present, because the



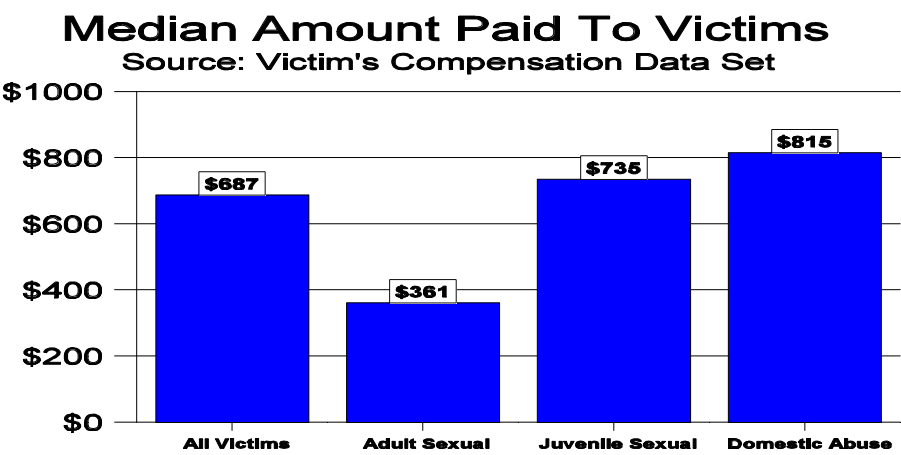
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The average mean amount actually paid for all victims in the data set was \$2,131, while the overall median value was \$687. For victims of sexual assault (adult offenders) the mean amount was \$817, and the median value was \$361. For the other victims of sexual assault (juvenile offenders), the average mean amount paid to victims was \$1,401, while the median value was \$735. Domestic abuse victims were paid a mean average of \$1,906 per claim submitted and approved for payment and \$815 was the median amount paid.

Average Amount of Claims Paid By Gender

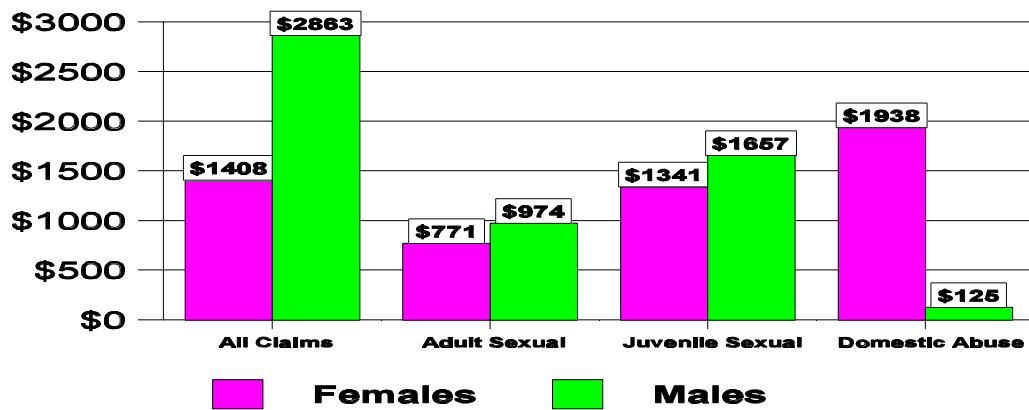


Considering the victims of all offenses, males were paid a higher amount (\$2,863-mean, \$1,001-median) than were females (\$1,408-mean, \$510-median). Male victims of

sexual assault also received higher mean value amounts than did females, although the median values were very similar. Female victims of domestic abuse received higher amounts (mean and median) than males, although very few males (only one) received any payments.

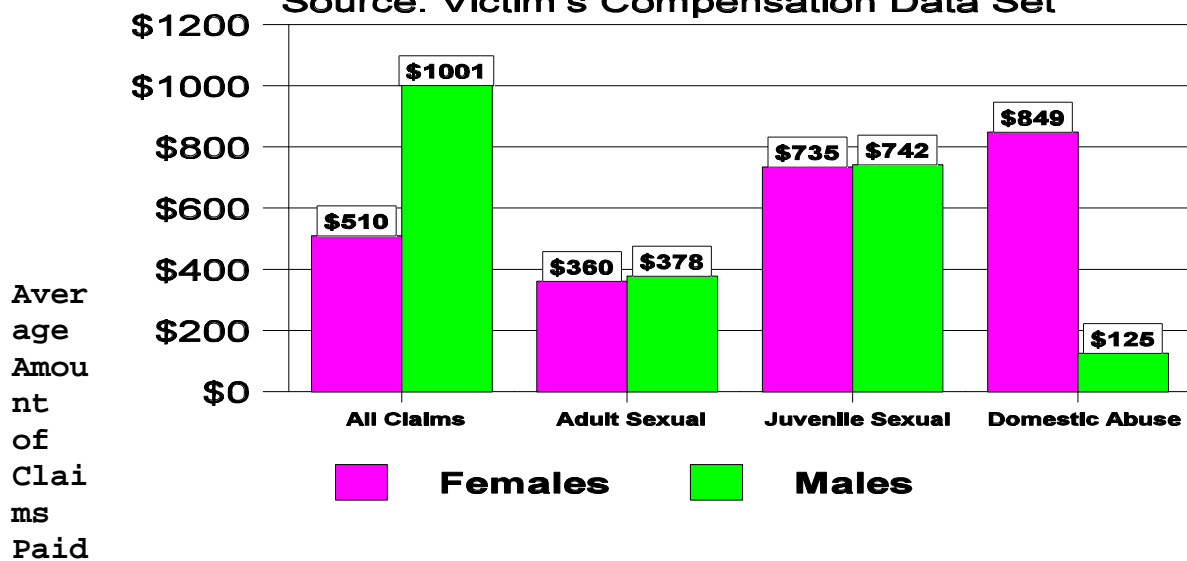
### Mean Amount Of Claims By Gender

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set



### Median Amount Of Claims By Gender

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set



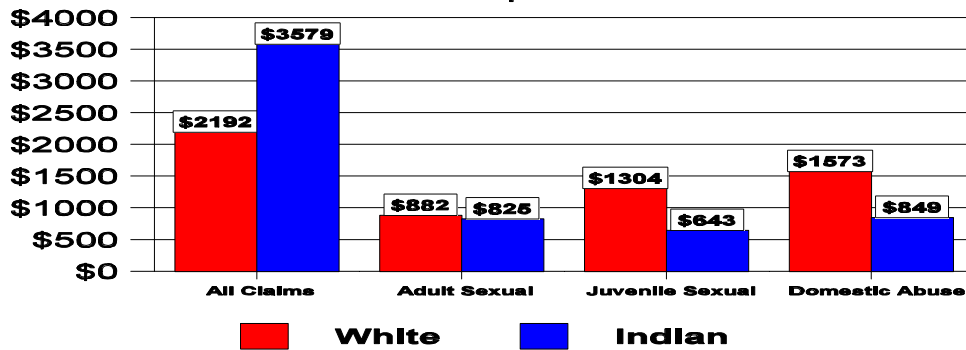


## By Race

Race was not listed on about 30 percent of the claims submitted and recorded on Victims Compensation Data set. Therefore, any comparison using race was considered as suggestive, but not conclusive. For victims of all offenses, American Indians were paid a higher amount (\$3,579-mean, \$1,339-median) than were Whites (\$2,192-mean, \$675-median). In considering victims of sexual assault and domestic abuse, Whites received higher amounts than did American Indians. There were not sufficient cases for other racial/ethnic categories for an analysis of race by amount of claim paid.

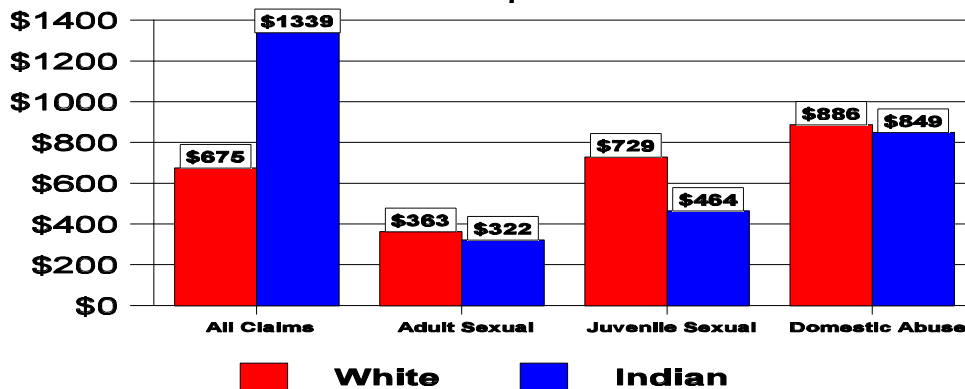
### Mean Amount Of Claims By Race

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### Median Amount Of Claims By Race

Source: Victim's Compensation Data Set



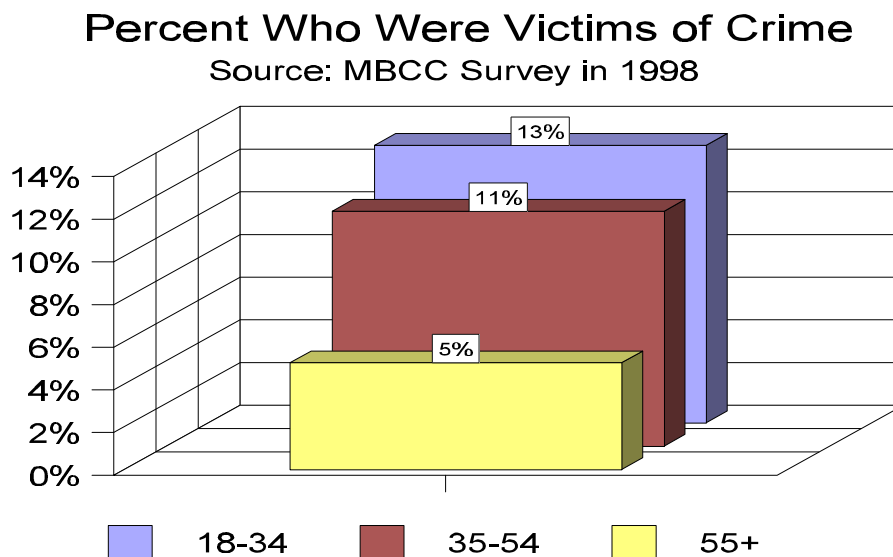
### Results Of Recent Survey Of The Public In Montana

A survey of 605 randomly selected Montana adults was conducted in February of 1998 by A & A Research for the Montana Board of Crime Control. Several questions on the survey were pertinent to the concerns of this project.

One out of eight (12%) persons who reported that they had been victims of a crime in the past year indicated that the most recent incident involved domestic abuse. Of these people, most (86%) reported the crime to law enforcement. Only about one-third of those who reported the domestic abuse offense were satisfied with how the case was handled. One-half of those reporting the crimes indicated that the offenders were prosecuted.

Only 2 percent of those who reported that they had been victims of crime indicated that the offense was sexual violence. Responses to other questions (reporting, satisfied about how the case was handled, etc.) were not reported, because of the small number of cases.

Overall, one in ten (10%) of the respondents indicated that they were victims of crime in the past 12 months. Young people were more likely to be victims of a crime than were older people.



### Information On the Victim Assistance Program

As can be seen by the Tables on Number of Victims Served and the variety and number of Victim Assistance Services Received, there is a vigorous and growing Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program in Montana. This program is administered by the Montana Board of Crime Control. There were an increasing number of victims served in the program. Since 1994, there was a 18.6 percent increase in the number of victims served by type of victimization. Also, there was a 13.4% increase between 1994 and 1997 in the number of specific services received by victims. Consistent with arrests, claims submitted, and reported sexual abuse offenses, there has been a steady number of child sexual abuse and adult sexual assault cases. The number of domestic violence victims, served by the VOCA program, continued to increase. This was consistent with findings previously stated in this report that point to a sharp increase in the number of arrests, claims submitted, and reported domestic abuse offenses.

**Number of Victims Served By Type Of Victimizations**

Type Of Victimization	1994*	1995	1996	1997
Child Physical Abuse	553	523	410	620
Child Sexual Abuse	517	424	286	473
QUI/DWI Crashes	62	59	126	84
Domestic Violence	7668	10093	8454	9666
Adult Sexual Assault	679	705	612	777
Elder Abuse	18	37	59	48
Adults Molested As Children	605	474	494	577
Survivors of Homicide	12	26	20	21
Robbery	21	32	23	112
Assault	100	142	371	463
Other	1994	728	1039	1657
Total	11030	13243	11894	14498

\*In 1994, primary and secondary victims served were listed separately. They

are combined in this table.

In addition to the wide array of services, which are listed below, the VOCA program provides training, conferences, and materials to a number of persons and groups in Montana. The training, which involves varied aspects of sexual assault and domestic assault, is delivered statewide. Also, a system that allows victims with information on offenders has been established. The VINE system provides victims with 24-hour access to information on the status of adult offenders in the custody of the Montana Department of Corrections.

Subgrant awards to organizations, through VOCA and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), provided additional activities including judicial training, sexual assault nurse examiner training, law enforcement training, and emergency medical technician training. Recently, the MBCC organized and co-sponsored a statewide conference, which attracted about 200 professionals from victim services, prosecution, law enforcement, judicial, probation, and the medical fields.

**Victim Assistance Services Received  
Number of Victims Receiving Services**

<b>Services Received</b>	<b>1994*</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
Crisis Counseling	11240	10447	10505	11240
Follow-up	5643	5181	4984	5643
Therapy	633	376	291	633
Group Treatment/Support	4429	3701	4580	4429
Shelter/Safehouse	2513	2283	2558	3575
Information Referral	11641	7128	6539	7061
Criminal Justice Support	2047	1787	2611	2256
Emergency Financial Assist	1038	882	843	581
Emergency Legal Advocacy	2324	2386	2090	2056
Assistance In Filing Claim	5855	6418	6677	7443
Personal Advocacy	2704	4461	3780	3319
Telephone Contact	9380	18798	16355	17625
Other	2849	3000	3649	4764

Total	58027	67648	65462	70625
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\*In 1994, primary and secondary victims served are combined in this table.

### Definitions

**Rape** is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Both assaults and attempts to commit rape by force are included in this definition. Statutory rape (without force) and sexual assaults against males are classified as sexual offenses and are not counted under this classification.

**Sex offenses** include offenses against chastity, common decency, morals and the like. Montana law lists four specific crimes: sexual assault, deviate sexual conduct, indecent exposure and incest. Excluded under this category are forcible rape, prostitution and commercial vice.

A person commits the offense of **domestic abuse** if he/she: (a) purposely or knowingly causes bodily injury to a family member or household member, or (b) purposely or knowingly causes reasonable apprehension of bodily injury in a family member or household member.

**Recidivism** is defined as an individual's return to crime following an arrest, conviction, or incarceration. In this study, recidivism refers to arrests and re-arrests.

**Re-arrest** refers to any subsequent arrest for an offense, regardless of the original and subsequent crime committed (i.e., a person was arrested for burglary and the subsequent arrest was for writing bad checks). Any sexual re-arrest refers to an original arrest (e.g., rape) followed by a subsequent arrest for any sexual crime (e.g., indecent exposure).

**Repeat Offender** refers to any subsequent arrest of the same offense (i.e., person was arrested for rape and subsequent arrest was for rape).